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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS RAISED IN REFTEL FOLLOW:

1. ACTUAL CURRENT DATA NOT AVAILABLE CONCERNING PRODUCTION COSTS OF RAW SUGAR. ON THE BASIS OF 1973-74 STUDY CARRIED OUT BY THE SUGAR LEAGUE, TOTAL PRODUCTION COSTS OF ONE TON OF CANE WAS ESTIMATED AT COLONES 96.15 AND TOTAL COST TO PROCESS ONE TON OF CANE INTO RAW SUGAR WAS ESTIMATED AT COLONES 49.29. CANE HARVESTED IN 1974-74 YIELDED 180 POUNDS OF RAW SUGAR PER TON OF CANE.
THUS WITH COST AT COLONES 145.44 TO PRODUCE AND PROCESS ONE TON OF CANE YIELDING 180 POUNDS OF SUGAR, COST TO PRODUCE RAW SUGAR ESTIMATED AT 9.46 CENTS PER POUND. DIVISION OF DATA BY FIXED/VARIABLE COSTS NOT AVAILABLE.

2. THE SUGAR LEAGUE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PURCHASE, STORAGE, DOMESTIC DISTRIBUTION AND EXPORT OF SUGAR PRODUCTION. AFTER THE CANE HARVEST AND SUGAR PROCESSING HAS BEEN COMPLETED, THE LEAGUE CALCULATES COSTS AND RETURNS OF PRODUCTION AND PROCESSING AND AUTHORIZES PAYMENTS TO THE GROWERS AND PROCESSORS. THE FOLLOWING PRICES WERE AUTHORIZED BY THE LEAGUE FOR 1975-76 SUGAR PRODUCTION:
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A) GROWERS RECEIVED AN AVERAGE OF COLONES 108.37 PER TON OF CANE;
B) PROCESSORS RECEIVED AN AVERAGE OF U.S. CENTS 9.596 PER POUND OF RAW SUGAR.

3. DOMESTIC RETAIL PRICES OF GRANULATED SUGAR IN U.S. CENTS PER POUND ARE FIXED BY LAW AS FOLLOWS:

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A) MINIMUM 99.5 DEGREE POLARIZATION (PLANTATION WHITE), 15.2 CENTS; AND (B) MINIMUM 99.8 DEGREE POLARIZATION (HIGHLY REFINED), 16.9 CENTS.

4. EXPORT VALUE AVERAGED U.S. 14.9 CENTS/LB. IN 1976 AND 28.9 CENTS/LB. IN 1975.

5. ALL SUGAR EXPORTS FROM 1976-77 CROP HAVE GONE TO U.S. MARKET SO FAR THIS YEAR. OCTOBER-JANUARY EXPORTS TOTAL 14,936 TONS FOR AVERAGE PRICE OF U.S. 9.49 CENTS PER POUND. KILDAY

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